

# Fragility, Thy name is Woman

## Outline:

### Thesis Statement:

Woman has been marginalized as a weak creature, and inferior to man. However, it is only a socially constructed myth, because woman is the strongest character.

### 1) Introduction

### 2) How the woman is being marginalized in the history:

- i) From the very beginning, woman has been used for the entertainment purposes.
- ii) Woman has been restricted to houses.
- iii) Malee is using woman for attraction purposes  
i.e: Pink Collar Jobs
- iv) People have been using woman as source of their income.  
i.e: human Trafficking
- v) Woman have been facing the different bad cultures.  
i.e: Culture of Sati in Hinduism

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Culture in Pathan families

### 3) How the woman is considered inferior to man:

- i) Culture of celebrating the of baby boys and not baby girls.
- ii) Focus of parents on education of boys and not girls.
- iii) Marriage decisions of girls are taken by parents.
- iv) Restrictions on woman on their choice of clothing.
- v) Voice of woman is being suppressed by man.

### 4) Arguments to prove that woman is not weak but a strong character:

- i) Woman being a strong creature plays different roles at a time  
i.e: Role of wife  
Role by Mother  
Woman as job holder.
- ii) Woman are taking part in the sports.



Case Study: Kathleen Sebelius of U.S. Women are being hired in different forces.

Case Study: Jennie O'Connell Chief of Army Staff of Canada

iv) Summit of Mouni Aweri by women

Case Study: Samina Baig from Pakistan

v) Political participation of woman.

Case Study: Benazir Bhutto

### 5) Woman plays important role in success of nations:

i) Denmark gives equal rights to woman.

ii) Success of Singapore

iii) Rwanda Parliament has 63% women in parliament.

### 6) Woman in the Islam

Case Study: Hazrat Umm al-Qura (RA)

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ii) Advice of Prophet (S.A.W) in his last sermon about the rights of woman.

**Conclusion:**

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Throughout the history, many poets and philosophers have been criticizing the woman in one way or other. Some described her as only means of production and others said her the tool to fulfill the sexual desires of man. This term "Frailty, Thy name is woman" was written by the well known poet William Shakespeare. He wrote in his drama in which the son used this term for her mother upon her re-marrying. These ideas of public figures have installed the picture of woman as a weak and inferior creature in the society. By making this base, woman is being marginalized in every matter of life. However, these are only socially constructed images made by man itself. Because woman is doing every difficult task that man ~~can~~ should in doing. Additionally, she is giving birth to the child that is most difficult and pain bearing act. The nations who give respect and rights to their women are at the top and considering as the most happy.



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and successful nations socially and economically. Islam always talks about the fundamental rights of woman. In Quran there is a whole Surah AL-NISA on the rights of woman. To make the world better, the woman must be given equal rights. Norms about the weakness of woman must be discouraged.

At the time, when man used to earn through agriculture, woman was used as entertainment skill and was sent to Heiracha (clubs of that time) for the prostitution. Harassment by the woman has been a very usual act. Men are using it to fulfill their sexual desires and ignoring her dignity. This has increased the rape cases in the world. The most recent case of rape has reported in India. A girl named Shushmita was gang raped by 10-15 men in the Seminar hall of college. She was raped and brutally killed. Her pelvic girdle bone broken and more than 13 human bites on her body were found. This showed that there is no humanity left in people anymore.

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and woman is being used only for entertainment purposes.

Man is not only using her for sexual desires but he is considering her a working machine. According to man woman is made to remain at home and doing the household like dishing, washing, cleaning and caretaking. Man considers that woman has no right to go outside and to take part in social works.

In Asia, the man considers it is against his self-respect that his sister, wife, daughter go outside to live their social rights. In some backward areas, women are not even allowed to get education. These views of man is actually curbing the fundamental rights of woman that leads to the destruction of the nations.

In the houses women are facing domestic violence. woman has been marginalized in the houses and even other of the houses.

When woman go outside to earn or to compete their needs they are again being used for attraction purposes only. There



are many less high ranked jobs or posts for the woman in the society. Pink collar jobs are being offered to woman like receptionist etc. The people involved in corruption always have a beautiful well-dressed woman in their offices to deal with the government agent that could come for their accountability. In case of social media, woman are used in advertisements, promotion of brands. In the Airplanes and even buses, woman are used to serve the passengers. These are the jobs through which marginalization of woman is happened but woman herself is also used to earn money.

Some people are this much cheap that they are using the body of woman as their source of income. Smuggling of woman is the most extreme step of disrespecting the woman. The girls are being kidnapped and smuggled to other countries, that is called human trafficking. These smuggled girls are being sold. People purchase and raped them forcefully. In some cases man make the marriage to girls and then sold them out in



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return getting money. If not sold then woman are also used as an object given to the enemies as a punishment for the murder that was done by the brother of the woman.

These are bad cultures of some societies.

In different areas woman has facing different type of these ~~bad~~ cultures. In hinduism, if husband of a woman died, she would remain widow her whole life. She would have no right to live her life happily. She would wear white dress her whole life. This is called **Sati**. In pathan culture, if some man has fixed in front of some girl's home, this is called **ghak**, Now this girl will not marry any other man, No one will desire to marry her. If someone did so, he would be murdered by the one who fixed in front of girl's home. These are the evils of the societies that woman has no right to speak and considered as an inferior creature. She has been given the punishment of the **Sati**, she even did not commit.

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It has become very normal to consider the woman as inferior to the man. If this has not been spoken by the mouth of people, they are showing it through their actions. Like the birth of a baby boy is always celebrated along with parents seem happy. Parents are arranged in welcome of the boy. Everyone congratulated each other. Sweets are been distributed among friends and families. But, if birth of a baby girl anyone seem unhappy. The family members started criticizing the mother for giving birth to a baby girl. No welcome party is arranged for the baby girl. The father considers the daughter as a burden on his shoulders. This is not the end, after her birth there is no focus on her brought up from the parents.

Parents consider it useless to educate the girls. It is believed that woman is made to do households, so she only needs to train about the households, and she has



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no need to get education.

It is considered as the waste of money. Parents want to marry them as soon as possible. On the other hand, people used to force their sons to study, even if he is careless and not capable.

A lot of money is used on his education. His every demand and desire is been fulfilled by the parents only because she is a son and inferior to daughters.

At the end, boys fail to meet with their parents' desires but this is not a issue. He has still right to live his life according to his own rule.

But, woman has no choice to even marry with her own selected person. Her parents will decide, whom to marry.

In some rare case happened and a woman showed her desire to marry some specific person, it would considered as

disrespectful to parents. This goes against the dignity of father and brothers. In reward, sons have rights to

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man with the girl of his  
choke. This will make the  
parents feel proud. If all  
that still parents do not  
ready to accept his decision  
of the son, they have to  
accept it later in love of  
their boy.

Not only marriage decision but  
woman has been also criticized  
in her dressing style. She  
has no open choice to dress  
up according to her desire.  
Husbands, brothers, fathers  
are using force to impose  
restrictions on their wives,  
sisters and daughters respectively.

Man has full right to wear  
whatever he wants. No one  
criticize him. He can do everything  
He can hangout with his  
friends even in the late night.

No one will ask him. He  
has freedom of speech and  
freedom in every matter of his  
life.

Freedom of women has been suppressed  
voice of woman. Whenever she  
by the man. Whenever she  
tried to talk, a loud voice  
of man is always there to  
suppress her voice. This is  
common in home by brothers.



and even outside. The voice of woman is suppressed in the classrooms, public places, social platforms. She never gets justice. There are many cases of domestic violence like no one is ready to hear these issues of woman.

"Women are defective men, with rational and moral capacities inferior to men."

### (Aristotle)

These are all socially constructed evils about woman made by only man. However, in real life woman is the strongest character and has many capabilities. Woman has capacity to stand by man. She is totally capable of doing anything.

Woman is performing different tasks and playing different roles at a time. A woman is a mother, always caring for her children. She works and she brought up her children to make them better human along with fulfilling the obligations towards her husband. She never runs away

team her responsibility. Some  
 woman and also doing jobs  
 to complete with their needs  
 of life. It was considered as  
 the task of man to earn,  
 upon which he ~~is~~ superior  
 to woman. But now there is  
 end to his thought because  
 new days woman is earning  
 more than a man.

Woman is taking part in  
 sports. This made them equal  
 to man. Kathleen Swetley  
 won 9 Gold medals in  
 olympics and many championships.  
 She is a well known swimmer  
 of the America. Every other  
 sport like cricket, Hockey,  
 Baseball, Race, Football and  
 many more have female cricket  
 teams.

The world's superpowers have  
 hired the females in their  
 forces like army and police.  
 In 2024, Canada has  
 announced a female chief  
 of army staff named **Jennie  
 Harrington**. This happened for  
 the first time in the  
 history of world. In Pakistan  
 many women have got the  
 positions in administration.



Many females are getting the high positions in police forces.

The most hardest task of all done by man was climbing the mount Everest mountain. This was also summited by woman. In 2013 Pakistani woman **Samina Baig** climbed the mount Everest. Along with her many other women also have summited this peak.

Likewise, woman participation in politics has been seen. In Pakistan Benazir Bhutto has remained a popular political figure. She got twice the position of prime minister. This conveys a positive message and describes the equality of man and woman.

**"When everyone is equal, we are all free."**  
**(Barack Obama)**

If all women are given equal rights then world would be a better place to live. The reasons of success of many nations is based on their

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Gender equality habit. Scandinavian countries are famous in giving equal rights to every human.

The Best example is of Denmark.

The Gender Equality Index (GII) of the Denmark is 100% in a survey collected in 2021.

Singapore gives the best example by giving the rights to

women and gaining heights of success. When a country

gives all fundamental rights to women, they get better

economy and a better image of the country globally.

When women get equal representation in governance, it

proved helpful to cope up with challenges. **Rwanda**

has 63% women in its parliament. This shows the

importance of women.

Our most righteous religion, Islam

gave the importance to the

woman rights. In Islam

woman is considered equal to the man. Prophet Muhammad

(S.A.W) advised about the

equal rights of woman in his

last sermon.

He said: "Be careful about your woman."



Islam always talk about the equality of woman and man. There is no concept of superiority of man over woman in this religion.

Ummul Mommineen Hazrat Khadija (RA) was the most strongest woman. She stood firmly with our prophet (S.A.W) in his difficult times. She believed our prophet (S.A.W) when whole city was against him. This showed her strength. She was also an owner of a large business. She helped her husband in every matter.

Hence, it has been proved that woman is not a sign of weakness, but a strong and firm character. The man who considers her inferior is himself a cheap and weak man. Woman always prove herself by showing patience as patience is the act of strength. Woman should not be considered as weak and must be given her equal rights because according to Hollywood actress:



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"Gender equality not only  
liberates women but  
also men from prescribed  
gender stereotypes."

(Emma Watson)